

Pagi language

Pagi, or **Bembi**, is a Papuan language spoken by 2,000 people in five villages in Sandaun Province and in Vanimo District of Papua New Guinea, near the border with Indonesian Papua.

Etymology

The name "Bewani" attributes to the mountains that form a boundary between the Vanimo and Amanab Districts. The several languages spoken are:

- *Kilmeri*: spoken in *Kiliwis* village.
- *Tok Pisin*
- *Ainbai*: spoken in *Ainbai* nad *Elis* villages.
- *Imbinis*:dialect of Pagi, spoken in *Imbinis* and *Imbio* villages.
- *Ossima*: dialect of Kilmeri, spoken around *Ossima* station.
- *Isi*: dialect of Kilmeri, spoken in *Isi* village.

Usage

Pagi is spoken near the Bewani Station, Idoli and Amoi villages. The Tok Pisin is generally used by the government officials and in families where husband and wife belong to communities speaking different indigenous languages. However, the region is influenced by English and is the main language used in schools of the region, accompanied occasionally by Tok Pisin.^{[4][5]}

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Pagi	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Sandaun Province
Native speakers	2,100 (2003) ^[1]
Language family	Border <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bewani Range<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Poal River<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pagi
Dialects	Bewani (Western) Imbinis (Eastern) Bembi Eastern Pagi & Western Pagi Pagei ^[2]
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	pgi
Glottolog	pagi1244 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/lan guoid/id/pagi1244) ^[3]

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